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Sel. by A. B.
Pamlico Co., N. C., Mar. 29, 1901.

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Rex, in variety.
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Rubra.
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Speculata.
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Vittata alba.
Weltoniensis, white.
" Red.
" Cut-leaved.
Begonia, Tuberous.
Bergamot, scarlet Monards.
White-flowered.
Bougainvillea glabra.
Browallia speciosa, blue.
Elata, blue.
Bryophyllum calycinum.
Buxus sempervivum.
Caladium, esculentum.
Callirhoe involucrata.
Calystegia pubescens.
Caladium esculentum.
Capsicum Celestial Pepper.
Carnation, Margaret yellow
" Red.
" White
Early Vienna, fl. pl.

Carnation Grenadin fl. pl.
Marguerite, mixed.
Carex Japonica.
Caryopteris mastacanthus.
Cestrum parqui.
Laurifolium.
Chelone barbata.
Chrysanthemum in variety
Coccoloba platyclada.
Cicuta Maculata.
Clerodendron Balfouri.
Cobaea scandens.
Coleus, fancy-leaved.
Conoclinium coelestinum.
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Coreopsis lanceolata.
Coronilla glauca.
Crape Myrtle, pink.
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Zimpani.
Cyclamen Persicum.
Cyperus alternifolius.
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Crenata fl. pl.
Pride of Rochester.
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Double Daisy, Ball of Snow.
Longfellow, pink.
Eranthemum pulchellum.
Eucynum Japonica aurea.
Variegata, hardy.
Eupatorium riparium.
Euphorbia splendens.
Fabiana imbricata.
Fern, hardy in variety.
Fern, tender in variety.
Boston Fern.
Ficus repens, for walls.
Flowering Almond.
Forsythia viridissima.
Suspensa, slender.
Fuchsia, Black Prince.
Arabella Improved.
Avalanche.
Dr. Tapinard.
Monarch.
Mons. Thibit.
Oriflamme.
Peasant Girl.
Procumbens.
Puritan.
Speciosa, winter-bloomer.
Elm City.
Little Prince.
Gaillardia grandiflora.
Gardenia, Cape Jasmine.
Geranium, Maculata.
Geranium, Single, Double,
Scented, Bronze, Ivy-
leaved, in sorts.
Geum coccineum fl. pl.
Gloxinia, in variety.
Golden Glow, (Rudbeckia).
Goydera pubescens.
Greivillea robusta.
Habrothamnus elegans.
Helianthus tuberosum.
Heliotrope in variety.
Hemerocallis fulva.
Flava, Lemon Lily.
Kwanso, Double.

Hepatica triloba.
Heterocentron, white.
Hibiscus, Chinese, choice
named, great variety.
Syriacus (Althea).
Crimson Eye, hardy.
Hollyhock, double, to color.
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy.
Gold-leaved.
Hydrangea Hortensis.
Paniculata.
Impatiens Sultana.
Iris, Kämpferi, mixed.
Germanica, mixed.
Florentina, blue.
" Alba.
Iris, primula.
Isoplepis gracilis, grass.
Ivy, German or Parlor.
English, hardy.
" variegated.
Kenilworth, for baskets.
Jasminum gracilimum.
Grand Duke.
Grandiflorum.
Nudiflorum.
Officialis.
Justicia carnea, pink.
Coccinea, red.
Kenilworth Ivy.
Kerria Japonica.
Lantana, white, pink, yellow
and new Weeping.
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Leonotis leonurus.
Leucanthemum maximum.
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Lily of the Valley.
Linum perenne, white and blue.
Lobelia, Royal Purple.
Barnard's Perpetual.
Lopesia rosea.
Mackaya bella.
Madeira Vine, started.
Mahernia odorata.
Manettia cordifolia, rare.
Mandevilla suaveolens.
Marguerite Daisy.
Matrimony Vine, hardy.
Maticaria capensis alba.
Mesembryanthemum spec-
tabile (grandiflorum).
Mexican Primrose.
Mimulus Cupreus.
Musk Plant.
Mint, variegated, hardy.
Mitchella repens.
Money wort, for baskets.
Montbretia crocsmiaeflora.
Myrtus communis.
Nerine sarniense, Bella-
dona Lily.
Nicotiana, Jasmine-scented
Sylvestris, sweet, new.
"Old Bachelor," scented.
"Old Man," scented, hardy.
"Old Woman," scented.
Oxalis arborea.
Bowie, carmine.
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Pine-apple Geranium (Salvia robusta).
Pink, Cyclops.
Old-fashioned.
Picottee, mixed.
Plumbago, capensis alba.
Capensis, blue.
Coccinea.
Pomegranate, Jas. Vick.
Poppy orientale.
Pottosporum tobira.
Primula Forbesi.
Elator.
Obconica.
Veris, gold-laced.
Ranunculus acris fl. pl.
Aconitifolia fl. pl.
Rivinia humilis.
Rocket, Sweet.
Rose, in variety.
Empress of China.
Wichuriana.
Prairie climbing.
Rudbeckia laciniata fl. pl.
Ruella formosa.
Makoyanna.
Russelia juncea.
Blegantissima, new.
Salvia Firebrand.
Salvia splendens, scarlet.
New Scarlet.
Patens, blue.
Rutians, new.
Sassafras, officinalis.
Saxifraga sarmentosa.
Selaginella, moss-like.
Santoviera Zeylanica.
Sedum, hardy yellow.
Sedum, for baskets.
Acre, "Crownfoot."
Maximoviczii, hardy.
Senecio macroglossis.
Petasites, yellow winter-bloomer.
Smilax, Boston.
Solanum Dulcamara, vine.
Grandiflorum.
Pseudo capsicum.
Seafortianum.
Scutellaria pulchella.
Spirea, Van Houtte.
Anthony Watter.
Prunifolia.
Reevesii.
Strobanthes Dyerianus.
Anisophyllus.
Sweet William, in sorts.
Thyme, variegated.
Tradescantia variegata.
Virginia.
Tuberose, Double.
Tunica saxifraga.
Verbena, hardy, purple
Verbena imperialis.
Spicata.
Vine, Hardy Blue.
Harrisonii, marbled.
Rosea, rose.
Rosea alba, white.
Violet, Lady Helen Campbell.
Mary Louise, sweet.
Water Hyacinth.
Weeping Willow.
Weigela rosea floribunda.
" Variegata.
Yucca filamentosa.

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THE FRAGRANT MAY- FLOWERS.

Close by a rocky ledge I found them,
Mayflowers pink and white,
And what a delicious fragrance came
From those blossoms small and bright.

No wonder we eagerly watch for your coming,
Ye dear little beauties of spring,
For after the cold bitter winds of winter
'Tis hope and joy that you bring.

Mary B. Arbuckle.

Cumberland Co., Maine, Mar. 23, 1901.

RUELLIA TUBEROSA.

A TUBEROUS-ROOTED *Ruellia* under the name of *R. tuberosa* has been recently introduced by an Italian florist, and an engraving of a blooming plant is herewith given. The growth is rather dwarf and compact, and the flowers large and beautiful, of an attractive blue color, standing well above the foliage.

This novelty is of easy culture. The plants start readily from seeds, which should be sown early in the spring. Transplant or shift as often as the roots or tops begin to crowd, using a porous, sandy soil, well-drained. Give partial shade. Started early the plants will begin to bloom in July or August, and keep in bloom continuously until Christmas. It likes a rather warm, moist temperature, and does well in a conservatory or green-house. It is worthy of trial, and may be found a valuable addition to a window collection.



RUELLIA TUBEROSA.

OXALIS TROPÆOLOIDES.

OXALIS TROPÆOLOIDES is a great favorite of mine. I first received a pot of the plants from a friend. I could not fail to notice the graceful way in which they hung over the edge, and after they began to bloom I resolved they were worthy of a better setting, so I placed the pot in a jardiniere on a shady stoop. Nothing could be prettier than the bronze leaves and yellow blossoms trailing over the blue vase. I brought it in in the fall, although I knew they were perfectly hardy. My neighbors immediately besought me for pieces for their Fern dishes, the brown clover leaves being such a good foil for the feathery green Ferns. The next season I was surprised to see them coming up from the fallen seeds in the bed where the pot had stood. I was inclined

to take an exception to this, but the *Oxalis* protested that they took so little root room, and were not a bit of a nuisance like the Wandering Jew, that I gave in. Later, when taking up things, I found they had invaded some of the pot plants. This time I felt sure I ought to scold, but the little fellows winked their star-like eyes in such a mischievous fashion, that I had not the

heart to say no! Some people are so lacking in discipline and firmness. As a mulch for a Lily bed, I am sure this plant is more sightly than a lot of old rubbish. If you wish to plant anything, dig in their very midst; the *Oxalis* will not revenge themselves by doing any harm to that which you plant. Snapdragon.

Suffolk Co., N. Y., Feb. 20, 1901.

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Large Chrysanthemums.—To have large, well-developed flowers of Chrysanthemum the stems should only bear one flower. Take off all of the axillary buds, as soon as they appear, leaving only the large terminal one. During autumn, while the buds are growing, water freely, avoid mid-day sun, and apply liquid manure occasionally.

Umbrella Plant.—The *Cyperus alternifolius* or Umbrella Plant is an aquatic, and grows well in a wet, boggy soil. In a large pot, well watered, a small plant will develop marvelously during the summer, and become beautiful and showy by autumn. During the winter the leaves begin to turn brown at the tips, and the plant may then be watered sparingly, and rested in a cool place till spring, when the tops should be cut off, the plant repotted, and water again liberally applied.

Lettering.—For letters on the lawn *Alternantheras* are much used. The foliage of one variety is carmine and brown, and of another yellow and green. Where the soil is dry *Echeverias* and *Sedums* are successfully used. The foliage is silvery and attractive. Sweet *Alyssum* is also used for letters, the plants forming a mass of white bloom. For a permanent effect letters formed of small plants of *Boxwood* set thickly cannot be surpassed. The foliage is dark green, evergreen and hardy. Once started the letters will last for years, requiring only a little trimming in early spring.

PANSIES FROM SEEDS.

IT is an easy matter to grow Pansies from seeds. Start the seeds in a box of sifted woods earth, placing them sparsely in pressed rows and covering an eighth of an inch deep. Cover with a cloth, water thoroughly, and set in a dark, rather warm place till the plants appear, which will be in about ten or twelve days. Then remove the cloth and give morning and evening sun till the plants have three or four leaves,



when they may be picked out and set an inch apart in a flat tray of earth. After several more leaves have appeared, and the plants have become strong and stalky, prepare a bed in a sheltered, moist place, and transplant, setting the plants eight or ten inches apart. The north side of a picket fence, or the east side of a building is a good place for the Pansy bed. The plants started in May will begin to bloom in mid-summer, and at first the flowers will be small, on account of the hot weather. But they will become larger as the autumn days approach, and will produce fine, large flowers before winter. Such plants, too, will usually endure the winter and bloom profusely and beautifully in early spring.

In raising fine Pansies it is important to get only the best quality of seeds. The large-flowered race will not bloom so profusely as the common sorts, and the plants are generally more robust and showy in foliage. They are not, however, so desirable for bedding as the ordinary *Cliveden* Pansies, the flowers of which are borne in profusion, and of the more showy colors.

Screw Pine.—The Screw Pine, *Pandanus*, likes a warm, moist temperature. If subjected to a cool or chilly temperature, and at the same time watered and sprinkled freely, it is liable to rot off at the roots. Avoid over-potting. Use a pot just large enough to accommodate the roots without crowding, and shift as often as necessary. The plant is increased from suckers which appear more or less freely around the base of the stem. It thrives in a rich, fibrous soil mixed with sand and leaf-mould.

Acalypha.—A *Sanderiana* requires such a temperature as the florist gives to *Coleus* plants. If subjected to a chilly atmosphere the leaves turn black and drop, and the plant becomes stunted, much after the fashion of mistreated *Coleus*.

BEDDING BEGONIAS.

THE Tuberous rooted Begonias have, for many years, been recommended for bedding out in a sheltered place, and when kept well watered they are fairly satisfactory, if the protection from sun and wind is sufficient to encourage growth and bloom. The improved strains produce large flowers freely, and show such attractive colors that the plants are much admired in beds, when well grown.

But, in this connection, we wish to call the reader's attention to a class of Begonias which will be found quite as satisfactory for bedding as the Tuberous sorts.



We refer to the varieties of the *Semperflorens* group. These are fibrous-rooted, with showy, glossy green foliage and masses of bright flowers which are borne continuously. The plants are easily propagated from seeds, begin to bloom in a few weeks, and grow and branch and bloom throughout the season. For a showy summer bed the plants should be started early. They grow from eight inches to a foot high, are dense and globular in habit, and require but little attention after once started, except to see that they are copiously watered. Started late in the spring the plants are fine for winter-blooming in the window. The colors are mostly white, rose and carmine.

Acalypha Sanderiana.—This is variously known as Chenille Plant, Comet Plant, Philippine Medusa, etc. It does well in any good, fibrous soil. Avoid a chilling temperature, avoid crowding the roots, and see that the soil is well-drained. The plant is not difficult to grow, and when well cared for is very satisfactory. The flowers appear in long, drooping racemes, are of a bright, rosy carmine color, and keep their beauty for several months. Do not sprinkle the flowers in watering, if it can be avoided. The plants bloom freely throughout the summer, and are always greatly admired.

NATIVE FERNS.

IF YOU have a shady nook about the grounds that is just the place for Native Ferns. Place a layer of stones eight or ten inches thick upon the ground, and over this place a layer of stable manure, to supply rich nourishment, and to keep the soil from sifting down through the stones. Then cover all with eight or ten inches of woods earth, mostly sand and leaf-mould. In this set the ferns, early in spring, before the new fronds have begun to develop, heeling them well in, and watering the bed freely. You will be surprised to find what a mass of lovely green you will soon have, and all the further care required will be to keep the bed well watered. The layer of stones will insure thorough drainage, and promote the most vigorous and healthy growth.

Starting Mimulus.—Plants of *Mimulus* are readily started from seeds, which are very small, and should be sown over the surface of sifted and pressed soil. After sowing cover the soil with a piece of muslin cloth and water thoroughly over the cloth. Keep in a dark, rather warm place for three days, then bring to a shady window, and as soon as the plants begin to appear, which will be in from three to five days, remove the cloth. Give sun in the morning and evening, but avoid the bright, warm sunshine of midday. The soil should be sandy woods earth that will not bake.

Snowball and Honeysuckle Pest.—The old-fashioned Snowball and the Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle are both severely troubled by Aphides or green lice, and their culture is abandoned in many places on account of this. A complete remedy, however, will be found in the Quassia, Soap and Kerosine liquid recommended by the Editor on page 32, April issue of the FLORAL MAGAZINE. Begin the application early before the leaves develop, and repeat until the pest disappears.

Spotted Calla.—The tubers of this Calla should be dried off in winter and planted out or potted in summer. The treatment is just such as is given the *Gladiolus*. Mulch the bed with stable litter, as hot weather approaches, to keep the soil moist and cool. Thus treated the bulbs will almost invariably bloom every season.

Starting Cobaea Seeds.—*Cobaea scandens* is easily raised from seeds. Plant them edgewise, an eighth of an inch beneath the surface, and keep the soil moist but not wet until germination takes place, which will be in a few days.

BROWALLIA SPECIOSA MAJOR.

THIS is the most showy and beautiful of the *Browallias*, and when well grown is one of the most showy and beautiful of pot plants. It is not hardy, but is successfully treated as an annual, the seeds being sown in the spring and summer, and the plants grown either in pots or in a sheltered bed in the garden. Started in the summer in time to begin blooming in autumn, the plants are desirable for window decoration, as the flowers are large, of a lovely blue, and freely produced. They are also almost sure to bloom, even under rather unfavorable conditions. The seeds are small, but germinate well if treated about as you would sow seeds of *Petunia* or *Coleus*. The plants will grow a foot high, and assume a bushy form, if pinched back and trained.

Carnations.—To have Carnations in bloom in winter start the plants from seeds or cuttings early in the spring, and keep them in a sunny bed well watered during summer. In the autumn pot in a rather tenacious, rich soil with good drainage, firming the soil well about the roots. Syringe often, using a liquid insecticide or smoking occasionally to keep down insects. The Margaret and Chabaud Carnations will begin to bloom in from four to five months after starting, and the Border Carnation in from eight to ten months. For winter-blooming much depends upon the size of the potted plants. They must be healthy and well-grown to bloom.

Periwinkle.—This is a common name for *Vinca minor*, a hardy trailing plant sometimes also called Trailing Myrtle. It blooms in early spring, bearing blue, and occasionally purple flowers. It grows well in dense shade, and may be used as a carpet under shade trees, or in the deep shade of buildings.

Fall Roses.—The so-called Fall Rose is *Kerria Japonica* fl. pl., which bears very double golden-yellow flowers in the summer, and develops another crop late in autumn, after many flowers have yielded to the sway of King Frost. It is a profuse-blooming hardy shrub, and one of the few that shows flowers with the late chrysanthemums.

Honeysuckle.—The gold-veined Honeysuckle is hardy, when the plants are set out in the open ground in the spring. The next spring cut the tops back, and encourage the growth of new, vigorous shoots. Unless cut back, the plants will sometimes appear stunted for several years.

A HANDSOME BED.

FOR a beautiful and fragrant mass of bloom, as well as a showy display of semi-tropical foliage, use Park's Star Flower. The seeds start readily, and the young plants come up quickly, soon



throwing showy leaves and robust clusters of bloom. Set the plants from two to three feet apart in the bed, and keep the soil well stirred, enriched and watered, and a glorious display will be the result. Those

who neglect to have a bed of this elegant flower will miss a grand floral attraction. The plants also do well in pots, and make showy specimens for either the window or the piazza.

Starting Seeds.—All of the hardy annuals and perennials may be sown outdoors in a well-prepared bed with more or less success, but as a rule it is better to sow the seeds of such as are to be transplanted either in a cold-frame, hot-bed, or boxes in the house. Hardy Primroses, especially of the species *Elatior*, are always successfully raised in this way. And in raising the plants of *P. sinensis* and *P. obconica* out-door sowing is not to be recommended.

Robinias.—*Robinia Decaisneana* is a pink-flowering variety of the Black Locust, *R. Pseudacacia*. It is not of the same species as the *Robinia* some dealers advertise as Sweet Pea Shrub, which has shorter clusters, but larger flowers, and is known botanically as *R. hispida*.

Propagating Otahite Orange.—The Otahite Orange is propagated from cuttings of half-ripened shoots. Plants thus started will bloom when a few inches high. Plants may be started from seeds, but seedlings do not bloom for many years.

Wax Plant.—When this plant fails to bloom let it become pot-bound, avoid enriching the soil, and water sparingly in winter. In a larger pot of rich soil, well watered, the strength of the plant is used in developing stems and leaves.

Acacia.—*Acacia lophantha* should be repotted before the roots become pot-bound. If neglected the plant will begin to lose its vitality and drop its leaves.

Ruellia.—*Ruellia makoyana* thrives in a warm, moist atmosphere, in partial shade. Avoid a dry or chilly temperature. Repot as the plants grow.

POND LILIES.

Down by the bridge in the hollow
Where a brooklet sparkles bright,
There blossom the sweet Pond Lilies
In dress of snowy white.

Pure white Lilies gently swaying
Over the water's silvery tide,
Tell me, are your leaves unfolding
To deck the brow of some happy bride?

A lovelier flower cannot be found
For the sweet young bride to wear,
They speak of her innocent purity,
Of a life that is young and fair.

But just then the wind with a plaintive sigh
Swept through the leaflets bright,
And a sadder thought seemed to fill my heart
With the day's departing light.

For among the other Lilies,
A drooping bud I spied,
And it spoke to me of a sweet young life
That had closed when our Helen died

Again I see that pale, still face,
With dark brown waving hair,
White Lilies in her fingers clasped
She lies in the casket there.

Yet as the Lilies droop and fade,
But again into fragrance spring,
I know that our Helen will be more fair
By the river of Life, with her King.

Molnomah Co., Ore.

Edith Oargd.

THE DAISY.

A Daisy in a meadow grew,
A little flower of humble hue,
And never knew, and never knew
It's whence, it's why.

A Daisy in a meadow grew
With other Daisies not a few,
When summer skies above were blue,
And knew not why.

It saw the sun and drank the dew,
It felt the wind go sweeping through,
And lived and died and never knew
It's whence, it's why.

The theme is trivial it is true,
Yet we, oh! friend, are trivial too,
God never told us—I or you—
Our whence—our why.

Arthur H. Goodenough.

Windham Co., Vt., Feb. 21, 1901.

THE FILMY FERN.

Some adulate the Pansy,
And some the fragrant Rose
But as for me the Filmy Fern
Is the fairest plant that grows.

Its grace and lace-like beauty,
And its shade of lovely green
Wokes our admiration
Wherever it is seen.

Kitty Willow.

Windham Co., Vt., Feb. 6, 1901.

THE OLD OAK TREE.

The old Oak Tree is standing tall
On the valley slope by the low stone wall,
Tall and stately, while round its feet
The Violets bloom, blue-eyed and sweet.
Through Winter's snow and Summer's sun
Each stem and branch grew, one by one,
And now it stands the summer long,
Tall and beautiful, brave and strong.

Down at its feet the violets blue
Their smiling faces all wet with dew,
The bee and the butterfly hover round,
And flit away at the slightest sound.
As the meadow lark with yellow breast,
Flies swiftly by to her lowly nest,
And perching now on the old stone wall,
She sings her song to the Oak Tree tall.

She tells how it watches her nestlings three
And is loved by all birds and the brown-clad bee,
And the Oak its branches bending down,
Toward its sturdy trunk, so rough and brown,
Spreads its branches to robin and wren,
And bids them all to come again,
When they seek its shelter to build their nests,
The tree is happy and doubly blest.

What care it takes in wind and storm
To give them shelter and keep them warm.
On the brave, strong arms, the whole day long
They are safe to perch and sing their song,
With no fear of harm from passers-by,
Rocking the nest in the branches high,
A brave true life is that old Oak Tree's
For it cheerily sings in the roughest breeze.

Dickinson Co., Kas.

M. C. B.

DEAR VIOLET.

Lovely, modest blossom,
Born of the sun and dew,
Little you know, sweet Violet
Of all my love for you.

Here in the grassy meadow,
There by the brooklet's side,
'Mongst tall Ferns and grasses
Your beautiful face you hide.

And why, O, lovely Violet,
Do I love your drooping face,
'Tis because your lowly meekness
Shows forth an abounding grace.

Mrs. Lewis Williams.

Forest Co., Pa., Apr. 13.

DANDELION SONG.

I am not very handsome
And I am not very big,
Of variegated foliage
I have not a sprig.
I'm not a hot-house beauty,
'Nor an exotic rare,
But all the children love me
And that is all I care.

The grown-up people eat me
And call me just a need,
I have to cultivate myself
And sow all my own seed.
I blossom all the summer,
Though no one calls me fair,
But the little children love me
And that is all I care.

THE OLD TIME DOOR YARD.

I HAVE an altogether different impression of the "Old Time Door Yard" as given in last issue of your Magazine.

In this garden of my memory were Roses, thirteen different kinds, Moss Roses, variegated Roses, black, red, pink, white, even the Cabbage rose, and some so small we called them Button Roses, Snowballs, Flags blue and white, also the "old-fashioned Lilac that bloomed by the well." In this garden, however, there was order, long beds running close by the house and along one side of the enclosed garden, and by the outside fence. These were filled with Pansies, Yuccas, Larkspurs, Bachelor Buttons, Zinnias, Sweet Williams, with Pinks, Daisies and small growing plants in front. There were lovely Violets in shady places and Primroses, Verbenas and many others. That garden was always a study to me, for I never seemed to realize when I had seen all its beauties. A large circular bed in the center raised about a foot from the surface was filled with annual Chrysanthemums, Snapdragons and Asters, Roses scattered here and there in beautiful profusion, always carefully cared for when the dear mother-hands were able to fight the weeds and grass. And those dear old Lilacs! I never can read Robert Meyertires, "The Lilacs" without tears. Perhaps to some of your readers the following verse may bring tender memories of those we have "loved and lost awhile":

And then I saw mother, just as she was leaving

This sorrowful world for the home of the best,
There in her room, where we children were
grieving,

And bidding farewell to our first friend and
best;

When wistful she gazed where the summer sun
slanted,

And, whispering softly, she told us to tell
Good-bye to the Roses her patient hands planted,
Good-bye to the Lilacs that bloomed by the
well,

The tall purple Lilacs, the sweet-scented Lilacs,
The old-fashioned Lilacs that grew by the well.

I shall always love the old-fashioned
flowers, and plant them if only for the
dear sweet memories which come to me
of my mother's garden.

Mrs. Edith Bratt.

Berrien Co., Mich., Feb. 26, 1901.

Crape Myrtle and Magnolia.—I have seen Crape Myrtle described as a shrub, but I wish the reader could see one I saw last summer, a tree, thirty feet, or more, high and blooming. The Magnolias are simply magnificent here, growing wild. The petals of the blossoms are six inches long. There are trees here like a smaller edition of Magnolia; their blossoms are about the size of Magnolias in the north.

May Coleman.

Wash. Co., Ala., Feb. 23, 1901.

REMEDY FOR RED SPIDER.

CUT two pieces of tough, thick paper, the size of the top of pot or larger, then cut a slit in one side to the center, and enough out of center so this will fit close around the plant. Place these on top of the soil with the slit at opposite sides. This will keep the soil from becoming too wet, and, also, keep the spiders from falling on the soil and going back on the plant. Then wash in strong soap suds made of Ivory soap, let stand fifteen minutes or so, and rinse in clear water. If the plants are very bushy with many leaves, they may be dipped in the soap suds. Do not set these plants in the sun after washing, but keep warm until the leaves are dry, that they may not become chilled. I seldom have to wash them more than twice to rid the plants of spider or Aphis.

Mrs. Putnam.

Windsor Co., Vt.

Pine Apple Geranium.—Some one gave a description of a plant called Pine Apple Geranium with blue flowers. I had a plant of that name last year. I kept it in the house through the winter. It grew quite tall, just two stalks with small sprouts at each leaf. In spring, as soon as warm enough I put it in the garden, cut off the top, broke off the sprouts, and set roots, top, sprouts and all in a good sized space, and every one lived and grew, and such plants as they made! They were six feet high or more, with many branches. But after I looked all summer for buds and none appeared, I ceased to look. Then one day late in the fall, (I think in October) we found buds and flowers plenty. The flower stalk was a foot or so long. The flower was an inch long I think and a very dark red; the calyx (is that the name?) was a greenish red. They were quite showy. What was its name? The stalk of the plant was square.

Mrs. Ella Redfern.

Moultrie Co., Ill., Feb. 11, 1901.

[NOTE.—The plant was probably *Salvia rostrata*, a member of the Mint family.—Ed.]

Freeseias.—For years I have been growing Freeseias, but have had but one bulb to bloom. Last spring I read that Freeseias lost their vitality if kept out of the soil during summer, so I left mine in the pot in which they grew till August, then put them into fresh soil in a ten pound butter tub with the Sparaxias, putting them in a cool, dark place until they were an inch or more above the ground. I then kept them in a cool window till December. Since then they have had all the sunshine they could get in winter and there are lots of buds and more to come.

Mrs. Ellen H. Garlough.

St. Law. Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1901.

WHAT CAN WE GROW WITH SUCCESS.

THERE are many women who love flowers, and who have during their early years on a farm or in a village grown plants more or less successfully, but who are now living in a city home, perhaps a flat, without yard room for even a very small flower bed. And yet it is these women who need most the cheer and brightness that plants and flowers bring into our homes. Perhaps they have tried window plants, but the hot air of the furnace in winter, or the little vacation trip of summer, has left them sorrowful failures in place of the thing of beauty they were waiting for. I think something is due to their choice of plants, and if I can be of any help to such flower-lovers I shall be cheered myself. I think I have found the best three classes of plants for such trying conditions, and these are Cacti, Begonias and Lilies, including Amaryllis. Cacti will bear the hot sun of summer, and even if their care-taker is out of town for several days at a time will not so much as wilt for lack of water. Then in winter they can be placed on brackets away from the windows, or even in a closet, and when in bloom they are among our most showy flowers. Most of our Lilies can be grown in large jars if given a rich soil and plenty of water when in bloom, and no flowering plant can surpass them for house decoration. In winter, while resting, they can be put in the cellar or any dark closet, only removing some of the soil from the top and replacing it with fresh soil in the spring when growth begins. Begonias give a wide range of beauty, varying much in form and blossom, and do not require direct sunlight. In fact they do much better in summer on a porch, or by an open window than when bedded out. In winter they will flourish where sun-loving plants would fade and pine away, only asking to have the dust kept off their lovely foliage to give returns of brightness and beauty.

Martha A. Clowe.

Schenectady Co., N. Y., Mar. 2, 1901.

Otaheite Orange.—I have an Otaheite Orange growing in a two gallon bucket. Last spring it was a mass of bloom and matured twenty large Oranges. We kept it in the sitting room until Xmas, when the Oranges were ripe, and it then had a spray of bloom. It is now consigned to the cellar until next month. It stood in the yard in full sunshine all summer, and received no attention with the exception of a mulching of cow manure and plenty of water. It was the admiration of all who saw it.

Mrs. M. Richards.

Vernon Co., Mo., Feb. 21, 1901.

THE POINSETTIA.

THIS Mexican Christmas flower is extensively grown in Southern California. It grows to the height of ten or fifteen feet and almost every yard has one or more trees. It begins blooming early in the fall and is in bloom until January. The climate here is just opposite that of Mexico. There it rains all summer and is dry in the winter months, and here it is dry all summer and rains during the winter months. But the Poinsettia does well here, and if it is on the South side of a house the light frosts we have will not injure it. The color is the most glorious red I ever saw, and it is impossible for artists to imitate it, as there is no pigment to match the natural color. This is true of the Eschschotzia, or California Poppy, also. The Southern sun seems to impart a glow to brilliant colored flowers that nothing can imitate. The Poinsettia, although grown by almost everyone, sells for one dollar a dozen right straight through the season. It is used for decoration, the stems being plunged into hot water on being picked, to prevent the bracts from wilting, which they will do if not so treated.

Georgiana S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Mar. 9, 1901.

Rex Begonias.—We often read that Rex Begonias cannot be raised successfully out-side of a greenhouse, I have three varieties that are beauties, and have been grown in my sitting room. They are Grandis, Clementina and Louis Erdody. I have had them two years and they are beautiful plants. I set Miss Clementina out in a warm summer rain for a bath and she shed all her leaves in pay for it, but new ones soon started, and at this writing she is quite presentable. Those who admire Rex Begonias try those I have named, caring for them as for any other variety of Begonia, being very careful not to wet the leaves or stalk of the plant when watering.

Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Jan. 21, 1901.

Red Peppers for White Worms.—I used to be troubled with those small white worms in the soil of my house plants and tried all the remedies I read or heard of. Last summer I grew many of those small red Peppers. They proved too hot for table use, and this fall I would put two or three in the sprinkling can and pour a little boiling water on them. When ready to sprinkle I filled the can up with cold water, and have not had flies or worms since. I would like all to try growing red Peppers for plant use. I think the plant ornamental too.

Mrs. Benj. Tueben.

Nevada Co., Cal., Jan. 26, 1901.

EREMURUS ROBUSTUS.

A MEMBER of the Lily family has recently been introduced under the name of *Eremurus robusta*. It forms a rosette of leaves six inches in breadth and from two and a half to three feet long, from which push up strong flower scapes to the height of eight or nine feet, thickly set with beautiful peach-colored flowers, as shown in the engraving.

Propagation is effected by seeds as well as by division of the roots, but the seedlings do not attain blooming size until from three to five years old. The species illustrated is a native of Turkestan, and is described by the florists who cultivate it as a great Hyacinth-like hardy perennial of great beauty, exceedingly showy as a lawn plant, and exciting the admiration of all who see it.

Fine Chrysanthemums.

—To secure the best results in growing this popular flower it is necessary to get good, strong plants to begin with. Plant out in loose, loamy, well-enriched soil during May or June. They require a very large amount of

water during dry weather and should be kept free from weeds. Keep the soil around the plants well stirred, and pinch out the tips when they have reached the proper height. This induces the plants to branch out, and causes them to grow more symmetrical, well-shaped branches. They will make a better growth if watered with weak manure water for a month or two before blooming.

Wm. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Feb. 26, 1901.

A MORNING GLORY.

SHORTLY after bringing my plants in last autumn a Morning Glory vine came up in the pot with one of my Begonias. I did not like to see it there, but did not pull it up. When it reached the top—about two feet—it began to make buds, and has given me blossoms from time to time all winter. When everything is white

with snow outside and I make my morning round among my plants and come suddenly upon that bright pink summer flower, I feel very much as I do sometimes when I am in a strange town, and unexpectedly meet an old acquaintance. Next winter I shall have a half dozen vines in a large pot. The blossoms last all day, and nothing I have had this winter, except my Primroses, has given me greater pleasure than that tiny Morning Glory vine.

Dora M. Older.
Jack. Co., Mich.



EREMURUS ROBUSTUS.

soms at one time! For six or eight weeks it was a constant source of delight, and the admiration of all beholders. Now it is literally loaded with buds of various sizes.

Mrs. Geo. Thomas.

Spencer Co., Ind., Dec. 12, 1900.

Remedy for Moles.—Corn soaked in water until it swells, then soaked in turpentine, is the best thing for Moles that I have tried.

Mrs. N. C. Dozier.

Jackson Co., Oreg., Feb. 22, 1901.

A Winter-Blooming Cactus.—The Crab Cactus cannot be excelled as a winter-bloomer. Last winter a small plant had thirty of the loveliest buds and blossoms

ABOUT PERENNIALS.

NO flower garden is really complete without a good collection of perennials. They require but little attention after becoming established, and continue to increase in size and beauty for years. Perennials usually begin flowering in early spring, and the different species keep up a succession of flowers till late in the autumn. By selecting the varieties it is possible to have flowers from them for a long season. Almost all kinds of perennial flowers are very easily grown from seeds sown in the spring or early summer, while many varieties will bloom the following spring from seeds sown as late as July or August. I prefer sowing early in spring, as the plants have more time to become established, and will give a larger number of flowers than plants from late-sown seeds. I would advise everyone who has not a good collection of perennials to secure at least a few varieties. They will amply repay for the small amount of attention they require. W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Jan. 11, 1901.

About Dahlias.—Dahlias are as easily grown from seeds as almost any annual, and will bloom the first year if sown early. Sow the seeds in-doors in March or April and transplant into the open ground as soon as the weather is warm enough. They require a rich soil, and plenty of water during dry weather. Plants grown from seeds are just as good bloomers as those grown from the roots, and are much cheaper, as several plants can be grown from a single packet of seeds.

Wm. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Feb. 24, 1901.

Keeping Plant Names.—When plants are received from the florist the name should be written on a flat stick, sharpened and inserted at the edge of the pot. Out of door varieties, such as Roses, Chrysanthemums and Carnations, should be numbered. Cut the numbers in Roman numerals on small flat stakes, and insert close by the plant. Have a small blank book with the names written in, and opposite each name the corresponding number on the stick. It is some trouble, of course, but one is well repaid in the end.

Mrs. Bertha Clark.

San Louis Obispo Co., Cal., Feb. 18, 1901.

Schizanthus.—What a graceful flower and plant the Schizanthus is in the bed. I don't just care for it in a bouquet. When I had it before I had it in a very sunny place and it did not bloom so well, and the foliage was not so nice as now. I have it in partial shade in rich, light soil.

Tillie Tillman.

Isanti Co., Minn., Aug. 6, 1900.

SWEET PEAS.

ONE of the most beautiful and fragrant flowers in cultivation is the Sweet Pea. During the past few years they have been much improved in size and color till at present they are almost without a rival for airy, graceful and brilliant colored flowers. The most important point in their cultivation is early sowing, as they succeed much better when sown as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring. Give them a rich soil and a sunny, open situation. Sow in trenches three or four inches deep, covering the seeds one inch deep. As they grow hoe in the soil around the plants till the trenches are filled level with the ground. They will endure drought much better when treated in this way and will also continue to flower for a longer period. If the plants are allowed to produce seeds they will stop blooming much quicker than they will if the flowers are cut off as soon as they fade.

Wm. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Jan. 14, 1901.

Flowers in Winter.—I often wonder how people, especially those whose homes are in the country, can pass the long winter months away without a single flower or bit of green growing in their windows. Fortunately we do not see many such homes. How much pleasure we derive from our plants. A simple flower-stand near the window, a hanging basket over head all shedding their perfume, add day by day brightness to the genialities of the home.

Laura Lindley.

McLean Co., Ill., Feb. 9, 1901.

Petunias in Winter.—A year ago I took up from my Petunia bed in September or October two Petunias, one a deep purplish red and the other white, and potted the two in a half-gallon jar. I cut them back and let a new growth start. About the middle of winter they began to bloom, and from that until the middle of summer they were one mass of bloom. As the branches grew long I tied them loosely to a stick set in the jar. The effect of the white and red blossoms appearing to be on the same plant, was very pretty. I have counted as high as twenty-five blooms of each color on the plants at one time.

Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Kanabec Co., Minn., Feb. 3, 1901.

Hardy Phlox.—I saw something in Floral Magazine concerning planting seeds of Hardy Phlox in spring. I think fall a much better time to sow them, say in November. Protect the ground with a little bush, so they are not disturbed, and in the spring the plants will be there, and bloom the same year.

Anna L. Borden.

Gloucester Co., N. J.

NASTURTIUM.

NASTURTIIUMS like a deep, moderately rich soil and good drainage. I dig the bed deep, leaving the surface three or four inches below the level of the ground; as the plants grow fill up the bed until it is slightly raised. They need plenty of water, though some claim it is best to give them but little water. They may bloom more profusely with but little water, but the foliage will not be as good, nor will the blossoms be as large. I would rather have plants of any kind with rank, healthy foliage, and fewer blossoms than to have such countless numbers of blooms at the expense of good foliage. The foliage needs sprinkling generously, now and then, if the weather is dry. A bed of good Nasturtiums will make the most brilliant spot on almost any garden or lawn. Try them. Ina M. King.

Tenn., Feb. 11, 1901.

Eschscholtzia.—Whether grown in beds or in groups or in the mixed flower border, this showy annual should be given an open, sunny situation, and a deep, well-enriched, light, loamy soil. The seeds should be sown where the plants are to bloom, as they do not bear transplanting well. About the first of May sow thinly, cover slightly, and when grown in the mixed flower-border let the plants stand in groups of from five to seven, keeping them ten or twelve inches apart. They commence to bloom very early in the season and continue to bloom in great profusion until late in the autumn months.

Chas. E. Powell.

Queens Co., N. Y., Jan. 5, 1901.

The Acacia.—Here (in California) the Acacia grows in three years from a little whip up, up to the eaves, and the flower buds form before Thanksgiving. It has been in flower for weeks and looks as if it might last for months yet. The whole tree is a flossy, fragrant yellow cloud in the garden, and its perfume reaches for blocks. One may cut and come again, cutting great masses of bloom every time.

Marion Howard.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal., Feb. 14, 1901.

Primrose and Begonia.—If I could have but one plant in winter, it would be a Primrose; and but one in summer, it would be a Tuberous-rooted Begonia.

Dora H. Older.

Jackson Co., Mich., Feb. 12, 1901.

Carnations.—My hardy perennials from seeds are standing the winter fine. I planted the Carnations in a cold frame under glass. They will soon be in bloom. I have ten plants. Mrs. V. B. Dawson.

FOLIAGE PLANTS.

IGROW fonder every year of foliage plants. I have one which is not at all common, but it is so handsome that I wish every plant-lover possessed one. It is a Japanese plant, named Ophiogon, with long, narrow leaves edged with yellowish white, and a dark green in the center. The leaf is quite thick (though not a succulent) and the plant stands full summer sunshine. Then in July the bud stalks are thrown above the pretty foliage, and crowned with racemes of dark blue flowers. Every one who sees it then exclaims "O, I must have one!" It seems not to need rest, growing equally well in winter, though it blossoms but once a year. Beside it, in my bay window, is *Anthericum Variegata*, with broad foliage, of lighter green, also striped with white. This plant blossoms for me in the winter as well as in the summer, but the flowers are white and small. It has the peculiarity of bearing stalks like the flowering ones, only with a tiny plant at the end, a curious mode of reproduction. If one allows these to remain they will throw out roots, and may then be taken off and potted.

Mrs. L. W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del., Feb. 16, 1901.

My Favorite Geraniums.—If I could only have one kind of plants it should be Geraniums. We have them summer and winter. Last summer one Geranium gave me more pleasure than all my other plants. It was Madam Bruant. My collection is small, but highly prized. It consists of one *Souv. Mirande*, double white, double red (or rather dark crimson), one cloth of gold, and a fancy-leaved single scarlet. A lovely pink *Ivy Geranium*, and *Madam Bruant*. They gave a wealth of bloom, while the fancy-leaved ones gave an added charm. To any one who loves flowers, and can have but few, I would say have a few choice Geraniums. L. E. B.

Waldo Co., Me., Feb. 20, 1901.

Fragrant Centaurea.—I wish more flower lovers would find out the merits of the fragrant *Centaurea Margaritae*. I have had them two years, and find them excellent for cut flowers. They have cheered and delighted both sick and well.

Augusta Lockwood.

Mercer Co., Ill., Feb. 15, 1901.

Morning Glories.—Plant some Morning Glories under your window, and see what pleasure they will give. How beautiful are the rich, nodding flowers as they are swayed by the morning breeze. Surely they should not be discarded.

Mrs. C. P. H.

San Pete Co., Utah, Mar. 30, 1901.

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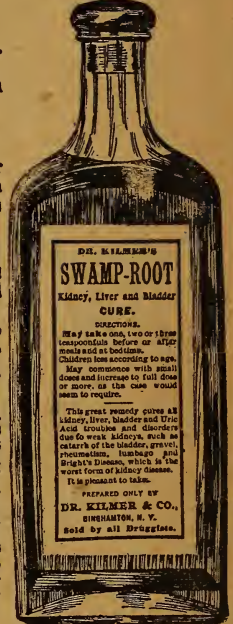
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GOSSIP.

Dear Mr. Editor —I see them thare wimmen is still a harpin bout Nabby Frost, and I jest want you to n' the reezon tha do it is becuz tha feal gilty. Tha see thare own stingy pickturs in my letturs, an it jest makes em mad as a wet hen. Thade like to set rite down onto me, the hull ov em, but tha cant do it fur when tha tried it Ide be sumwhare else. But I do like to see em squirm, so Ime goin to tell some more of thare mean-ness. Last fall Miss Bennett sez to me, "Cum up uow Miss Frost an lle give you all the plants you want, fur Ive got lots moren I can bring in this fall, and thare goin to freeze purty soon, and I do hate to see the purty things freeze." "La me," sez I, "I cant near take care on em in the winter time," sez I. "He wait till spring and get a fresh start." Ye see I coddent think ov havin my rooms all filled with them grate ugly boxes to keep em from freezin. Ime a good housekeeper I am; thats why I wont have a man a round to litter things up. Besides, its considerable truble to move em from winder to box and from box to winder all winter. So I thought Miss Bennett mite as well leeve mine rite with hern till spring, an I told her so. She dont mind any thing that is takin care of plants. Wall what do you think Mr. Park? In May I went to Miss Bennetts and sez I, "Now Miss Bennett, Ive cum for them thare plants you give me last fall." She just give me a quick look, and sez she with a aggervatin smile, "Very well; thare tha be Miss Frost. You dont seem to have any luck with them," sez she, an she pinto out into the garding. If youle bleeve it, Mr. Park, thare stood a row of pots, a dozen Ime shure, with grate big plants all froze an wilted down to nothin. Thade stood thare all winter. When Miss Bennett seen my astonished and indignant gaze, she sez, sez she, "You no I told you thade freeze soon." I jest give her one penetratin glance, and sez I, "Wall I didnt spose you waz so unnaborly az to let em freeze after Ide said Ide get em in the spring!" and then I strode home without another word. Yours truly,

Nabby Frost.

Gilliam Co., Ore., Feb. 18, 1901.

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Mrs. P. F. Hagar.

Hennepin Co., Minn., Dec. 21, 1900.

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Mrs. Kate Tilden.

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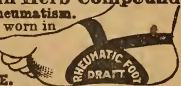
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